

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Office of the Secretary Bureau of Health Services Financing

Coverage for Reduction Mammoplasty Services

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing is proposing to adopt the following rule as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed rule is in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

The bureau provides coverage for reduction mammoplasty based on appropriate medical documentation supporting medical necessity. This service has been provided since 1977. The following policy has not previously been promulgated under the Administrative Procedure Act. The bureau now seeks to establish appropriate criteria for this service under the Administrative Procedure Act and is proposing the following rule for adoption under the act.

Proposed Rule

The Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt the following criteria to govern the provision of reduction mammoplasty services under the Medicaid Program.

I. Approval Requirements

A. Qualifying Condition. The recipient must meet the following weight and height criteria before the provider is to submit a request for evaluation and consideration for reduction mammoplasty services. The recipient's total weight shall not exceed 20 percent of the weight limit established by the following formula.

Height	Pounds
5 feet	100
Each additional inch over 5 feet	5

For example: A request for reduction mammoplasty services shall not be submitted for consideration for a recipient who is 5 feet tall who weighs more than 120 pounds (100 pounds plus 20 percent). A person who is 5 feet, 1 inch tall shall weigh no more than 126 pounds (105 pounds plus 20 percent) to be considered. A recipient who is 5 feet, 5 inches tall shall weigh no more than 150 pounds (125 pounds plus 20 percent) to be considered.

B. Prior Authorization

1. If the qualifying condition stated above is met, providers may then submit a request for prior authorization for reduction mammoplasty upon which the determination of medical necessity will be made.
2. The following documentation must accompany the request for the prior authorization of reduction mammoplasty services:
 - a. posterior photo view of the shoulder straps areas;
 - b. frontal photo of chest with face blocked;
 - c. lateral photo of chest and;
 - d. number of grams of breast tissue to be removed from each breast.

II. Payment Requirements

The pathology report and the PAG1 or the PA approval letter must be attached to the claim submitted for payment to the fiscal intermediary. The HCFA 1500 claim form cannot be electronically transmitted. The claim will be denied payment if the above requirements are not attached to the claim.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the following address. Thomas D. Collins, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Box 91030, Baton Rouge, La 70821. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed rule. A public hearing will be held on this matter on Wednesday, May 22, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time all interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to submit data views or arguments, orally or in writing. The deadline for the receipt of all comments is 4:30 p.m. on the day following the public hearing.

Bobby P. Jindal
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Reduction Mammoplasty Services

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is estimated that implementation of this proposed rule will result in increased expenditures for SFY 1996 of approximately \$300 for administrative costs for the promulgation of this proposed rule and approximately \$27,168 for the services provision. The services cost is ongoing as these services have been provided. It is estimated that services provision cost for SFY 1997 and 1998 will be \$27,983 and \$28,822.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is estimated that federal revenue collections will increase approximately by \$19,681 for SFY 1997, by \$20,117 for SFY 1998, and by \$20,729 for SFY 1999.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is anticipated that there will be no impact on the medical professionals associated with these services as a result of this proposed rule since these services are currently being provided.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no known effect on competition and employment.

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